CLAIMS

What is claimed:

- An isolated polypeptide, comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a 1. prostate-specific protein, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-(a) 74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779;
- (b) sequences that hybridize to a sequence recited in any one of SEO ID NOs: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111. 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 33/2, 334, 3\(\beta 0-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, \end{array} 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691, 698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779 under moderately stringent conditions; and
 - complements of sequences of (a) or (b). (c)
- 2. An isolated polypeptide according to claim 1, wherein the polypeptide comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 3\(\beta \), 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384. 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434,



435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 433, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779, or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotide sequences.

- 3. An isolated polypeptide comprising a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 108, 112, 113, 114, 172, 176, 178, 327, 329, 331, 338, 339, 383, 477-483, 496, 504, 505, 519, 520, 522, 525, 527, 532, 534, 537-551, 553-568, 573-586, 588-590, 592, 706-708, 780, 781, 810, 811 and 814.
- 4. An isolated polynucleotide encoding at least 15 amino acid residues of a prostate-specific protein, or a variant thereof that differs in one or more substitutions, deletions, additions and/or insertions such that the ability of the variant to react with antigen-specific antisera is not substantially diminished, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73, 74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779, or a complement of any of the foregoing sequences.
- 5. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a prostate-specific protein, or a variant thereof, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide comprising a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-

461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779, or a complement of any of the foregoing sequences.

- 6. An isolated polynucleotide, comprising a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779.
- 7. An isolated polynucleotide, comprising a sequence that hybridizes to a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779 under moderately stringent conditions.
- 8. An isolated polynucleotide complementary to a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 4-7.
- 9. An expression vector, comprising a polynucleotide according to any one of claims 4-8.
- 10. A host cell transformed or transfected with an expression vector according to claim 9.

- 11. An isolated antibody, or antigen-binding fragment thereof, that specifically binds to a prostate-specific protein that comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779, or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotide sequences.
 - 12. A fusion protein, comprising at least one polypeptide according to claim 1.
- 13. A fusion protein according to claim 12, wherein the fusion protein comprises an expression enhancer that increases expression of the fusion protein in a host cell transfected with a polynucleotide encoding the fusion protein.
- 14. A fusion protein according to claim 12, wherein the fusion protein comprises a T helper epitope that is not present within the polypeptide of claim 1.
- 15. A fusion protein according to claim 12, wherein the fusion protein comprises an affinity tag.
- 16. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein according to claim 12.
- 17. A pharmaceutical composition, comprising a physiologically acceptable carrier and at least one component selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a polypeptide according to claim 1;

- (b) a polynucleotide according to claim 4;
- (c) an antibody according to claim 11;
- (d) a fusion protein according to claim 12; and
- (e) a polynucleotide according to claim 16.
- An immunogenic composition comprising an immunostimulant and at least one component selected from the group consisting of:
 - (a) a polypeptide according to claim 1;
 - (b) a polynucleotide according to claim 4;
 - (c) an antibody according to claim 11;
 - (d) a fusion protein according to claim 12; and
 - (e) a polynucleotide according to claim 16.
- 19. An immunogenic composition according to claim 18, wherein the immunostimulant is an adjuvant.
- 20. An immunogenic composition according to claim 18, wherein the immunostimulant induces a predominantly Type I response.
- 21. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of a pharmaceutical composition according to claim 17.
- 22. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of an immunogenic composition according to claim 18.

- 23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising an antigen-presenting cell that expresses a polypeptide according to claim 1, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier or excipient.
- 24. A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 23, wherein the antigen presenting cell is a dendritic cell or a macrophage.
- 25. An immunogenic composition comprising an antigen-presenting cell that expresses a polypeptide comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a prostate-specific protein, or a variant thereof, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789;
- (b) sequences that hybridize to a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 under moderately stringent conditions; and
 - (c) complements of sequences of (i) or (ii); in combination with an immunostimulant.
- 26. An immunogenic composition according to claim 25, wherein the immunostimulant is an adjuvant.
- 27. An immunogenic composition according to claim 25, wherein the immunostimulant induces a predominantly Type I response.
- 28. An immunogenic composition according to claim 25, wherein the antigenpresenting cell is a dendritic cell.

- 29. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising administering to a patient an effective amount of an antigen-presenting cell that expresses a polypeptide comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a prostate-specific protein, or a variant thereof, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789;
- (b) sequences that hybridize to a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 under moderately stringent conditions; and
- (c) complements of sequences of (i) or (ii) encoded by a polynucleotide recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789;

and thereby inhibiting the development of a cancer in the patient.

- 30. A method according to claim 29, wherein the antigen-presenting cell is a dendritic cell.
- 31. A method according to any one of claims 21, 22 and 29, wherein the cancer is prostate cancer.
- 32. A method for removing tumor cells from a biological sample, comprising contacting a biological sample with T cells that specifically react with a prostate-specific protein, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (i) polynuc eotides recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789; and
 - (ii) complements of the foregoing polynucleotides;

wherein the step of contacting is performed under conditions and for a time sufficient to permit the removal of cells expressing the antigen from the sample.

- 33. A method according to claim 32, wherein the biological sample is blood or a fraction thereof.
- 34. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising administering to a patient a biological sample treated according to the method of claim 32.
- 35. A method for stimulating and/or expanding T cells specific for a prostate-specific protein, comprising contacting T cells with at least one component selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) polypeptides comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a prostatespecific protein, or a variant thereof, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (i) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789;
- (ii) sequences that hybridize to a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 under moderately stringent conditions; and
 - (iii) complements of sequences of (i) or (ii);

- (b) polynucleotides encoding a polypeptide of (a); and
- (c) antigen presenting cells that express a polypeptide of (a); under conditions and for a time sufficient to permit the stimulation and/or expansion of T cells.
- 36. An isolated T cell population, comprising T cells prepared according to the method of claim 35.
- 37. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising administering to a patient ar effective amount of a T cell population according to claim 36.
- 38. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:
- (a) incubating QD4⁺ and/or CD8+ T cells isolated from a patient with at least one component selected from the group consisting of:
- (i) polypeptides comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a prostate-specific protein, or a variant thereof, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (1) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789;
- (2) sequences that hybridize to a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 under moderate y stringent conditions; and
 - (3) complements of sequences of (1) or (2);
 - (ii) polynucleotides encoding a polypeptide of (i); and
 - (iii) antigen presenting cells that expresses a polypeptide of (i);

such that T cells proliferate; and

- (b) administering to the patient an effective amount of the proliferated T cells, and thereby inhibiting the development of a cancer in the patient.
- 39. A method for inhibiting the development of a cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:
- (a) incubating CD4⁺ and/or CD8+ T cells isolated from a patient with at least one component selected from the group consisting of:
- (i) polypeptides comprising at least an immunogenic portion of a prostate-specific protein, or a variant thereof, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (1) sequences recited in SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 693-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789;
- (2) sequences that hybridize to a sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 under moderately stringent conditions; and
 - (3) complements of sequences of (1) or (2);
 - (ii) polynucleotides encoding a polypeptide of (i); and
 - (iii) antigen presenting cells that express a polypeptide of (i); such that T cells proliferate;
 - (b) cloning at least one proliferated cell to provide cloned T cells; and
- (c) administering to the patient an effective amount of the cloned T cells, and thereby inhibiting the development of a cancer in the patient.
- 40. A method for determining the presence or absence of a cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:

- (a) contacting a biological sample obtained from a patient with a binding agent that binds to a prostate-specific protein, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotide sequences;
- (b) detecting in the sample an amount of polypeptide that binds to the binding agent; and
- (c) comparing the amount of polypeptide to a predetermined cut-off value, and therefrom determining the presence or absence of a cancer in the patient.
 - 41. A method according to claim 40, wherein the binding agent is an antibody.
- 42. A method according to claim 43, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
 - 43. A method according to claim 40, wherein the cancer is prostate cancer.
- 44. A method for monitoring the progression of a cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:
- (a) contacting a biological sample obtained from a patient at a first point in time with a binding agent that binds to a prostate-specific protein, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 580, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789 or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotide sequences;
- (b) detecting in the sample an amount of polypeptide that binds to the binding agent;

- (c) repeating steps (a) and (b) using a biological sample obtained from the patient at a subsequent point in time; and
- (d) comparing the amount of polypeptide detected in step (c) to the amount detected in step (b) and therefrom monitoring the progression of the cancer in the patient.
 - 45. A method according to claim 44, wherein the binding agent is an antibody.
- 46. A method according to claim 45, wherein the antibody is a monoclonal antibody.
 - 47. A method according to claim 44, wherein the cancer is a prostate cancer.
- 48. A method for determining the presence or absence of a cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:
- (a) contacting a biological sample obtained from a patient with an oligonucleotide that hybridizes to a polynucleotide that encodes a prostate-specific protein, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789, or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotide sequences;
- (b) detecting in the sample an amount of a polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide; and
- (c) comparing the amount of polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide to a predetermined cut-off value, and therefrom determining the presence or absence of a cancer in the patient.
- 49. A method according to claim 48, wherein the amount of polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide is determined using a polymerase chain reaction.

- 50. A method according to claim 48, wherein the amount of polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide is determined using a hybridization assay.
- 51. A method for monitoring the progression of a cancer in a patient, comprising the steps of:
- (a) contacting a biological sample obtained from a patient with an oligonucleotide that hybridizes to a polynucleotide that encodes a prostate-specific protein, wherein the tumor protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 1-111, 115-171, 173-175, 177, 179-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332-335, 340-375, 381, 382 and 384-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-705, 709-774, 777 and 789, or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotide sequences;
- (b) detecting in the sample an amount of a polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide;
- (c) repeating steps (a) and (b) using a biological sample obtained from the patient at a subsequent point in time; and
- (d) comparing the amount of polynucleotide detected in step (c) to the amount detected in step (b) and therefrom monitoring the progression of the cancer in the patient.
- 52. A method according to claim 51, wherein the amount of polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide is determined using a polymerase chain reaction.
- 53. A method according to claim 51, wherein the amount of polynucleotide that hybridizes to the oligonucleotide is determined using a hybridization assay.
 - 54. A diagnostic kit, comprising:
 - (a) one or more antibodies according to claim 11; and
 - (b) a detection reagent comprising a reporter group.

- 55. A kit according to claim 54, wherein the antibodies are immobilized on a solid support.
- 56. A kit according to claim 54, wherein the detection reagent comprises an anti-immunoglobulin, protein G, protein A or lectin.
- 57. A kit according to claim 54, wherein the reporter group is selected from the group consisting of radioisotopes, fluorescent groups, luminescent groups, enzymes, biotin and dye particles.
- 58. An oligonucleotide comprising 10 to 40 contiguous nucleotides that hybridize under moderately stringent conditions to a polynucleotide that encodes a prostate-specific protein, wherein the protein comprises an amino acid sequence that is encoded by a polynucleotide sequence recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 436, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779, or a complement of any of the foregoing polynucleotides.
- 59. A oligonucleotide according to claim 58, wherein the oligonucleotide comprises 10-40 contiguous nucleotides recited in any one of SEQ ID NO: 2, 3, 8-29, 41-45, 47-52, 54-65, 70, 73-74, 79, 81, 87, 90, 92, 93, 97, 103, 104, 107, 109-111, 115-160, 171, 173-175, 177, 181, 188, 191, 193, 194, 198, 203, 204, 207, 209, 220, 222-225, 227-305, 307-315, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 350-361, 363-365, 381, 382, 384, 386, 389, 390, 392, 393, 396, 401, 402, 407, 408, 410, 413, 415-419, 422, 426, 427, 432, 434, 435, 442-444, 446, 450, 452, 453, 459-461, 468-471, 472-476, 524, 526, 530, 531, 533, 535, 536, 552, 569-572, 587, 591, 593-606, 618-689, 691-698, 702-705, 709-772 and 779.

- 60. A diagnostic kit, comprising:
- (a) an oligonucle tide according to claim 59; and
- (b) a diagnostic reagent for use in a polymerase chain reaction or hybridization assay.

ADD 2